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REPORT.

Selectman's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$53	35
Ansel P. Tyler,.....	51	20
Jesse W. Peabody,.....	53	36
Samuel A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.	25	00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8	00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	13	65
Martin J. Cheney, as Constable.....	15	00
Ansel P. Tyler, as School Committee.....	29	70
Martin J. Cheney, " " 	25	00
Hiram A. Stiles, " " 	30	00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	63	42
J. A. Batchelder, as Registrar of Voters.....	5	00
A. P. Tyler, " " 	5	00
Jesse W. Peabody " " 	5	00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of Weights and Measures,	3	00
J. W. Russell, as Superintendent of Burials,.....	10	00
John F. Higgins, as Fish Warden.....	5	00

\$406 03

EXPENSE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. W. H. Hutchinson, Surveyor.....	\$135	55
2. George Daniels " 	140	00
3. Lyman Darling " 	50	00
4. William Christopher " 	51	00
5. John J. Coughlin, " 	69	50
6. Leverett Wilkins, " 	51	70

Ward 7. Harmon T. Sheldon, ..	60 00
8. William T. Martin, ..	100 00
9. Samuel M. Peabody, ..	50 00
10. Sylvanus Flint, ..	72 00
Thomas Carlin, labor.....	58 50
Town of Danvers repairing log bridge.....	14 73
Frank F. Wilkins.....	5 80
Fred S. Flint.....	3 00
Fred L. Esty.....	10 00
Turner & Harrington, Lumber.....	74 34
William Christopher, hauling plank.....	2 25
Jesse W. Peabody, building fence.....	13 07
“ “ “ use of horse.....	3 75
W. H. Hutchinson, labor.....	8 60
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails.....	1 20
J. B. Thomas, posts.....	9 00
Andrew Barnaby, cutting limbs.....	70
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	\$984 69

SNOW BILLS.

Sylvanus Flint, removing snow.....	\$ 3 00
Leverett H. Wilkins, “ “.....	1 50
W. H. Hutchinson, breaking paths.....	16 81
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	\$21 31

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1885 to Feb. 1, 1886.....	\$168 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 17, 1885 to Feb. 16, 1886, as follows:	
Patrick Gillespie.....	67 00
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	144 00
Sereno Ferrio.....	52 10
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.....	81 00
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	\$512 10

TEXTS BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Knight, Adams & Co., books and supplies.....	\$90 21
J. L. Hammett.....	15 02
Knight, Adams & Co.....	21 81
Porter & Coates.....	8 00
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.....	15 12
Knight, Adams & Co.....	20 55
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	\$170 71

EXPENSE OF FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Amount of books on hand at close of last year....	\$107 06
Amount of books and supplies furnished.....	170 71
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	\$277 77
Deduct amount of supplies on hand.....	96 92
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Balance of last years appropriation.....	\$ 54 46
Appropriation.....	100 00
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	\$154 46
Deduct amount drawn.....	85 22
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	\$69 24

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Batchelder & Co., coal.....	\$13 50
M. J. Cheney, service as janitor.....	72 36
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	7 88
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	19 00
Balance in favor of Town.....	20 52
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	\$133 25

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of hall.....	\$124 25
Due for use of hall.....	9 00
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	\$133 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate, printing town reports.....	\$24 00
Danvers Water Board, water at cemetery and hall..	12 00
Elijah Richardson, moving ladder house.....	10 00
Jonathan Perley, record book.....	8 00
Wm. A. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 25
H. A. Hutchinson, printing posters.....	1 25
B. T. McGlauffin, bolts.....	25
Dennis F. Cronan, repairing water-tank.....	5 00
D. J. Harrigan, repairing water-tank.....	5 00
Foote & Horton, blank book.....	6 00
J. W. Russell, labor on cemetery.....	50 00
J. M. Peabody, services as watchman.....	2 00
A. P. Tyler, cash paid for book.....	4 50
S. G. Campbell, building cess-pool	5 50
S. G. Campbell, one-half town hall fence.....	15 68
R. S. Carpenter, Carpenter & Co. hand-grenades...	22 00
H. F. Batchelder, returning births.....	3 50
J. W. Russell, repairing fence.....	1 25
J. W. Peabody, perambulating lines.....	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, snow plow.....	5 00
Daniel O. Neal, abatement of taxes	48
Gustavus Parker, " " "	1 20
W. H. J. W. Rea, " " "	5 22
F. G. Merriam, storage for hose.....	4 00
Justin Allen returning deaths.....	75
J. W. Peabody, abatement of taxes.....	42 64
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, school supplies.....	5 42
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, sundries.....	2 53
J. W. Peabody, discount on taxes.....	249 96
M. J. Cheney, car-fare and express.....	1 55

Fairbank Brown & Co. scale, weights and measures	9 75
S. W. Weston, posts.....	4 09
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamps.....	4 98
Compensation of firemen.....	33 00
A. P. Tyler, perambulating lines.....	4 00
J. A. Batchelder, stationery and car-fare, etc.....	7 70
J. F. Higgins, cleaning brook.....	1 00
John M. Peabody, care street lamps.....	2 00
John M. Peabody, supplies " "	1 59
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	\$585 92

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Mary E. Burrill, teaching Grammar School.....	\$325 50
Sadie Newhall, teaching Primary School.....	216 00
Nellie A. Hanson, teaching Primary School.....	72 00
Albert F. Wedgewood, sawing wood	3 88
Ralph G. Peabody, care of schoolhouse.....	20 50
Mary Lever, cleaning schoolrooms.....	5 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	37 50
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	16 56
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	\$696 94

EAST SCHOOL.

Helen O. Frame, teaching.....	\$ 96 00
Clara E. Bryer, teaching.....	168 00
A. L. Peabody, services as Janitor.....	10 00
A. L. Peabody, sawing wood.....	3 50
J. B. Thomas, wood.....	4 00
M. E. Peabody, cleaning schoolroom.....	3 50
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	\$285 00

NORTH SCHOOL.

M. C. Smith, teaching.....	\$ 96 00
C. A. Bringham, teaching.....	168 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	18 26
Wm. Berry, wood.....	4 50
Otis Wilkins, wood.....	5 75
Albert Wilkins, services as janitor.....	6 75
Albert Wilkins, sawing wood.....	3 50
Sophronia Terrio, cleaning schoolhouse..	5 00
	<hr/> \$307 75
	\$1289 69
Balance due the schools.....	338 60
	<hr/> \$1628 29
Balance due the school last year.....	\$ 98 55
Town appropriation for schools.....	1200 00
Amt. received from State School Fund.	207 63
Amt. received from Dog Licenses.....	122 11
	<hr/> \$1628 29

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

John J. Grothe, use of well two years.....	\$10 00
“ “ “ repairs on school house.....	65
Lewis P. Tufts, “ “ “ “	65
J. H. Choate, printing school reports.....	13 00
Kendall E. Graves.....	1 60
Fanny Flint, illustrated book for primary school....	3 00
C. A. Bingham, sponge and pens.....	75
W. A. Russell, cleaning clock.....	1 50
J. Wallace Peabody, use of well.....	3 00
Farnham Stiles, use of well.....	3 00
Farnham Stiles, repairs on schoolhouse,.....	50
Dennis Wells, repairs on schoolhouse.....	8 70
J. F. Ropes, stove and funnel.....	28 50
Geo. B. Flint, repairs on schoolhouse.....	1 50
M. E. Tyler, school supplies.....	4 36
A. G. Tyler, cash paid.....	46
	<hr/> \$81 30

Overseers' Department.

Lois Peabody board and care of Flint Estey.....	\$199 60
A. W. Peabody supplies for Flint Estey.....	4 33
H. F. Batchelder medicine and medical attendance for Flint Estey.....	17 00
Dennis Wells care of Flint Estey.....	10 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Flint Estey....	72
C. S. Buffum coffin and robe for remains of Flint Estey.....	14 00
J. W. Russel services as undertaker for Flint Estey.	6 00
Mr. E. Tyler, team for minister to attend funeral of Flint Estey,.....	75
Town of Peabody board and care of Rhoda Daniels.	40 21
C. S. Buffum coffin and robe for remains of Rhoda Daniels,.....	14 00
J. W. Russell, services as undertaker for Rhoda Daniels.....	7 00
O. L. Carlton aid for D. Gillespie.....	8 45
M. E. Tyler, supplies for D. Gillespie.....	16 50
B. F. McGlauffin aid " " "	1 20
H. F. Batchelder medicine and medical attendance for S. Terrio.....	2 50
John Devine, house rent for S. Terrio.....	15 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for " "	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons for " "	1 62
J. T. Hayward " " "	1 00
A. W. Peabody " " "	8 07
Town of Melrose, aid for W. F. Russell,.....	34 85
City of Salem aid for H. Mansfield.....	41 31
J. J. Coughlin, wood for Andrew Gould.....	5 50
Geo. B. Flint, " " " "	7 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons supplies for Andrew Gould..	65 00
Eli Soper, wood for " "	5 63
J. F. Hayward, meat for Wm. Freeman.....	50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Freeman	13 25
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	2 00
Lawrence House of Correction, board of R. H. Green.....	4 28

J. F. Hayward, meat for Dennis Wells.....	2 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Dennis Wells...	9 92
M. E. Tyler, supplies for tramp-house.....	8 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons supplies for tramp-house...	11 47
B. T. McGlauflin, window " " " ...	68
Batchelder & Co., coal " " " ...	9 63
B. F. McGlauflin, care of 254 tramps.....	25 40
A. A. Averill, wood for tramp-house.....	1 75
H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Cora Cheever.....	30 00
W Salkins, care of Cora Cheever.....	42 74
P. Gillespie, " " " "	7 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies for Cora Cheever.....	4 60
F. F. Wilkins, board of nurses for Cora Cheever...	13 81
John F. Richardson board of Caroline Kelly.....	7 50
H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for H. Freeman.....	10 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Freeman..	18 45
A. W. Peabody, supplies for H. Freeman.....	12 10
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	7 25
O. L. Carlton, services and cash paid.....	8 80
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	8 00
B. T. McGlauflin " " " "	20 00
Whole amount of overseers orders drawn.....	856 82
Unsettled bills.....	8 00
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	\$864 82

Due from Saugus on account of Cora Cheever.....	\$106 15
Received from Reading on account of H. Freeman.....	47 80
Due from Dracut on account of Carolina Kelly.....	7 50
Unsettled bills of 1885 paid.....	20 00
Whole cost of supporting poor.....	683 37
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	\$864 82

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' bills.....	\$406 03
Highways and bridges.....	984 69
Snow bills.....	21 31
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	512 10
Town Hall Expenses.....	112 73
Miscellaneous	585 92
Schools.....	1289 69
Incidental School Expenses.....	81 31
Poor Department.....	856 82
Flint Public Library.....	85 22
Free Text Books and Supplies.....	170 71
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$5106 53

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$ 450 00
County Tax.....	598 86
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	\$1048 86

The Selectment respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest.....	250 00
Schools	1200 00
School Books and Supplies.....	150 00
Highways	1100 00
Bridges.....	300 00
Public Library	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5650 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1884.....\$6342 36

CR.

Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1885...\$4611 60

Amt. of County Tax paid..... 598 86

Uncollected on tax list of 1885.....1131 90

————— \$6342 36

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1884 as per last year's report.\$1058 33

Interest Collected..... 12 64

————— \$1070 97

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1884\$590 28

Uncollected on tax list of 1884..... 480 69

————— \$1070 97

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1883 as per last year's report.....\$425 30

Interest Collected..... ' 27 91

————— \$453 21

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax of 1883.....\$351 50

Uncollected on tax list of 1883..... 101 71

————— \$453 21

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1882... ..\$33 72

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CUR-
RENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1886.

To balance of last year's accounts.....\$2689 28

To cash of Reading. pauper account..... 15 69

DR.

To Cash of State Treasurer, pauper account.....	78 00
“ “ Reading, pauper account.....	32 11
“ “ Hazen S. Jones, cemetery lot.....	6 00
“ “ B. F. Emerson, cemetery lot.....	18 00
“ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	162 25
“ “ “ “ bank tax.....	171 55
“ “ “ “ state aid.....	163 80
“ “ “ “ relief indigent soldiers	174 75
“ “ E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license... ..	3 00
“ “ Hazen Wildes, peddler's license.....	3 00
“ “ Mrs. James Gilbert, cemetery lot.	7 00
“ “ County Treasurer, dog tax refunded..	122 11
“ “ Reading, pauper account.....	3 00
“ “ State Treasurer, school fund.....	207 63
“ “ M. J. Cheney. use of hall.....	124 25
“ “ M. J. Cheney, use of hall in 1884.....	18 50
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1882..	33 72
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1883..	351 50
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1884..	590 28
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1885..	4611 60
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	\$9587 02

By cash paid on notes.....	\$ 750 00
“ “ as interest on notes.....	325 00
“ “ State Treasurer, state tax	450 00
“ “ on Selectmen's orders...	4249 20
“ “ on Overseers' orders....	856 82
Balance in Treasury.....	2956 00
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	\$9587 02

S. A. FLETCHER, TREAS.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate	\$453,820 00
Personal Estate.....	77,667 50
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	\$531,487 50

Number of Polls, 248.

Rate of Taxation, \$11.00 per \$1,000.

Tax on Polls.....	\$ 496 00
Tax on Real Estate.....	4992 02
Tax on Personal Estate.....	854 34
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	\$6342 36

Amount voted by the town for current expenses..	\$2000 00
“ “ “ “ reduction town debt	500 00
“ “ “ “ interest.....	300 00
“ “ “ “ schools.....	1200 00
“ “ “ “ school supplies....	100 00
“ “ “ “ highways.....	800 00
“ “ “ “ bridges.....	100 00
“ “ “ “ library.....	100 00
“ “ “ “ cemetery.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ enforcement of	
liquor laws.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ drain.....	25 00
State tax.....	450 00
County tax....	598 86
Overlay on taxes.....	68 50
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	\$6342 36

Selectman's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2650 00
Town Hall and land.....	6000 00
School Houses.....	8800 00
Lock-up.....	500 00
Cemetery.....	300 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
Safe.....	200 00
School Books in use.....	200 00
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	\$19,500 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent. . . .	\$5750 00
Amount due the schools	338 60
Amount due the Library	69 24
Amount of unsettled bills	50 00
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	\$6207 84

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account	\$2956 00
Due for State Aid reimbursements	183 00
Due from State for relief indigent soldiers	209 87
Due from Saugus, on pauper account	106 15
Due for Dracut, on pauper account	7 50
Due for use of Town Hall	9 00
Due for use of Town Hall in 1883	9 50
Due for Cemetery lots	48 00
School Books on hand	96 92
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1883	101 71
" " " " " 1884	480 69
" " " " " 1885	1131 90
Balance against the town	867 60
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	\$6207 84
Decrease in town debt	\$995 77

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton
ANSEL P. TYLER,	
JESSE W. PEABODY.	

Middleton, Feb. 18, 1886.

Flint Public Library.

*The Trustees of Flint Public Library herewith present
their Seventh Annual Report.*

We are more than ever convinced of the great good resulting to the inhabitants of this place by the use of the Free Library. Its usefulness as an educational aid is manifest, as well as the enjoyment afforded those who avail themselves of its privileges, and although there seems to be a decrease in the number of books taken out of the Library, during the last two years, we think it may be accounted for, in a measure, by the gradual change in the character of the reading matter called for.

A volume of history or travels cannot be read as rapidly as a book of fiction, and a change from the latter to the former would naturally lessen the number of books taken out.

An addition was made to the number of books in the Library in March—a gift from our generous friend Hon. Charles L. Flint, and we have the pleasure of announcing a similar donation this year, and the books will be in circulation as soon as the necessary writing and printing can be accomplished.

We have occasion to notice the imperative need of additional accommodations for the increasing numbers of books, and trust that steps will be taken in the near future to that end.

Joseph A. Batchelder,	}	Trustees.
Samuel A. Fletcher,		
William A. Phelps,		
James Flint,		
Gilman A. Kimball,		
Ansel P. Tyler.		

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Books in the Library Feb. 1, 1885.....	2,998
“ Presented by Mr. William Weston.....	6
“ Purchased of Estes & Lauriat.....	129
“ Received from Mass. Secretary of State... ..	4
Total.....	3,137

Pamphlets Received from Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ “ Essex Bar Association.....	1
“ “ “ Boston Public Library.....	1
“ “ “ U.S. Bureau of Education.....	8
Total during the year.....	11

Whole number of books taken out of the Library from Feb. 1, 1885 to Feb. 1, 1886.....	6,065
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian*.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. A. Kimball, Treasurer, in Account with Flint Public Library, for the year ending February 18, 1886.

DR.

To balance of appropriation for the year 1883, as per Town Report for year 1884.....	\$ 54 46
To balance in treasury, Feb. 17, 1885.....	123 52
To amount appropriated by Town for the year 1885	100 00
To cash donated by the Hon. C. L. Flint.....	100 00
To cash received for fines.....	15 47
To cash received for cards and catalogues.....	1 91
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	\$395 36

CR.

By cash paid Librarian's Salary.....	\$ 64 00
By cash paid for new books.....	125 91
By cash paid for kerosene.....	60
By cash paid for Express on Books.....	1 70
By cash paid for car fare.....	2 08

By cash paid for preparing catalogues.....	5	50	
By cash paid for printing supplement to catalogue	15	00	
By cash paid for binding books.....	12	97	
Paper for covering books.....	75		
Balance in Treasury.....	166	85	
			————— \$395 36

GILMAN A. KIMBALL, *Treas.*

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

To Martin J. Cheney, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the first day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following article:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 5. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery, and in relation to extending the water-pipe therein.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 8. To vote upon the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote shall be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to re-building and repairing bridges and culverts.

ART. 11. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 12. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the appointment and compensation of firemen.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1886.

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
ANSEL P. TYLER,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

For Reference

Not to be taken from this room

